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DOCKETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH (HFA 305)
Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

- RE: 1. Irridiation of foods as in Docket #908N-1038 - "Irridiation
in the production, processing and handling of food."
2. Use of recombinant bovine growth hormone (rBGH).
3. Increasing use of antibiotics for cows and poultry.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a student, mother, writer and concerned citizen. I am concerned that the FDA has approved irradiation for almost all foods, including vegetables and fruits. Also, I understand the FDA is planning to remove all current labeling requirements for irradiated food.

I do not approve of the irradiation of food. However, since this is a reality, I want to have a choice about the foods I ingest. It is essential for the FDA to demand PROMINENT labeling with the terms "IRRADIATION" or "IRRADIATED" as well as the RADURA symbol. Misleading terms such as "COLD PASTEURIZATION" and "ELECTRONIC PASTEURIZATION" cannot be interpreted by a layperson, and are, therefore, unclear. Please do not allow use of these or other misleading terms.

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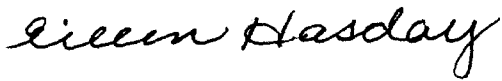
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I am opposed to the use of rBGH which has been linked to various cancers. In addition, the poultry industry is over-utilizing hormones and antibiotics. The CDC has stated that antibiotic resistance is at an all time high, and has become a "major public health crisis."

I am very upset about the onslaught of chemicals in our environment and diet. Diseases are being linked to chemical additives and pollutants in our environment. Let's stop polluting our bodies and abusing the gifts of nature.

Please let me know how you intend to handle these problems. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eileen Hasday".

Eileen Hasday

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Senator Max Cleland
Senator Paul Coverdell

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